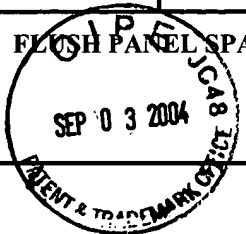
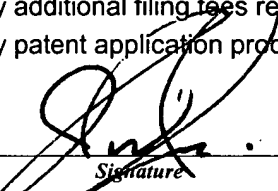

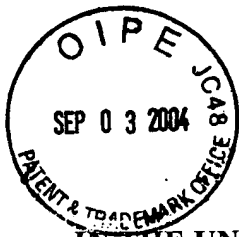


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 14, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: